

Congressman Pence had this to say immediately following the passage of the so-called 'economic stimulus' bill, despite bipartisan opposition:

**This is not a good day for America. The American people are hurting. And today Congress missed a historic opportunity to pass legislation that would put our economy back on the road to recovery. Instead of coming together around time-honored principles of growth, Congress instead passed a so-called stimulus bill that is just simply a long wish list of big government spending that won't work. It won't create jobs. It won't stimulate this economy. And it may do more harm than good.**

**Millions of Americans are asking today, how will \$2 billion to community organizing groups like ACORN create jobs? How will over a billion dollars to ration health care or purchase green golf carts put Americans back to work? And the suggestion that 13 bucks a week is the biggest middle-class tax cut in American history is nonsense.**

**Let me be clear on this point. This was not about Republicans saying no. Today's vote was about Republicans saying yes to solutions that will now, and have always been, the key to unlocking our economic growth. Republicans had a better solution: fast-acting tax relief for working families and small businesses that will create twice the jobs at half the cost.**

**Republicans long to see our nation's economy recover. We long to see families that are out of work go back to work. And we renew our commitment today, despite these disappointing days, to work with this president and with the leadership of this Congress to formulate legislation in the future that will work to put our economy back on a track to prosperity.**